



Volunteer Services Center Newsletter



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Events of Interest:

- Volunteer monthly meetings are held the 4th Tues. from 6-8 p.m.
- Citizens Police Academy starts January 7th



Volunteer Meeting Minutes

The November monthly meeting of P.D. Volunteers was held on November 26th in the P.D. auditorium. Volunteer Coordinator Wendy Lloyd welcomed the 37 volunteers in attendance and introduced Graffiti and Alarm Coordinator Sheila Chavez. Sheila thanked and handed out Certificates of Appreciation for the volunteers who assisted her during the past year. Those recognized included: Alarm Program - Abby Richards, Audrey Lopez, Allan Rockne, Sylvia VanGorp and Alisha Chavez-Manuel. Graffiti Abatement Program - Mary Floyd, Larry Martin, Kathleen Rikli, Gary Smith and Alisha Chavez-Manuel.

Wendy then recognized the participants of the Crisis Response Unit training class. The class started in October and met Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. Tonight is the last session. The participants are: Rasha Abousalem, Mary Dryden, Tammy Foxall, Dean Mallberg, Larry Martin, and Debbie Martinez.

Items discussed at tonight's meeting included the following:

- **COP Manuals** - A new manual is now available which supersedes the previous one. Copies were passed out to COP attendees. Toss the old one and get the new one from Wendy.

- **Bicycle Raffle** - Michael Cornwall, volunteer at Animal Control and Adoption Center (ACO), explained the raffle is to raise funds for the ACO. Tickets are \$2 a piece or 5 for \$10. The goal is \$700 and the drawing will be held on December 3rd.

- **Police Trust Fund Raffle** - Three guns are being raffled with funds going to the Trust Fund to benefit employees of the P.D. who need help. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 with a limit of 300 tickets being sold. The drawing will be 6 p.m., December 21st at the Mission Royale restaurant.

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Wendy know ASAP if you plan to attend the drawing as food will be available and she needs to get them a head count.

- **Toys Needed** - The P.D. Trust Fund plans to give toys and a food box to 10 needy families. Unwrapped toys are needed. If you can help please bring a toy to the P.D. by December 20th.
- **Electric Light Parade** - Will be held on Saturday, December 7th. Volunteers' briefing will be 2:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Powell Senior Center - should be at your assisted location by 6:15 p.m. See Wendy after Thanksgiving for your assisted location. 15 Posse members will be helping. Once parade starts no vehicles are to be permitted through except emergency ones.
- **Fire Department Assistance** - Fire Chief Miller expressed to Wendy his appreciation for the volunteers that have been helping out in the office. They continue to need help this month on the following dates - December 11th from 9:30 to 2 p.m., December 24th, 26th and 31st all from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. - to answer phones and a few clerical duties.
- **Mail Boxes** - The order of the boxes have been changed to the volunteer's victor number. A list of volunteers names and their victor number is posted on the bulletin board. If you have not completed the update of your personnel information, you will find the form in your mail box. Complete it, place it in an envelope and get it back to Wendy ASAP. She has a couple of survey forms - one has no name and the other the name can not be recognized. These will be posted on the bulletin board for the owners to claim and or sign.
- **New Shirts** - A list of names and shirt sizes was passed around to make sure the information was correct. If you were not at the meeting contact Wendy to assure your name and correct size is listed.
- **Dispatch Center Status** - The remodeling of the Dispatch Center is well underway and should be complete in January. After completion our security badges should get us in the parking lot and building but before then you will need a code number. See Wendy for the number. Wendy noted that Dispatch was very please with Victor 298's response recently - monitored the radio and helped with traffic control.
- **December 17th - Christmas Pot-Luck.** This will also be held on Tuesday in the P.D. @ 11:30 a.m. Ham & Turkey will be provided. Those that have not done so please call Wendy and let her know what you plan to bring to share.
- **Lists** - The Emergency Call Out List and COP List were passed around for attendees to check on accuracy and to note availability. Also a listing of all volunteers and their victor numbers was passed out but due to several noted errors it will be corrected and distributed later. Wendy noted that this list will be distributed quarterly.
- **Training** - COP Volunteers who joined within the past year will be receiving additional training from Paul Ricks and Jim Hardin on some basics. Also radio, traffic control and towing trailer sessions will be scheduled in the coming months. Volunteers will be advised of dates and times by email.
- **December Volunteer Meeting** - This will be held on December 17th @ 6 p.m. in the P.D. auditorium. Please note that this is the third Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



Wendy's Notes

Whenever you have a change in your address, phone numbers, or email address please let me know so the data base can be revised.

Animal Control and City Court need volunteer help. Please see me if you are interested in working in any of these areas.

The Graffiti Abatement Program is looking for someone to supervise a graffiti abatement crew consisting of 2-4 adult probationers. It would be the volunteer's (crew supervisor) choice of how many people they are comfortable with on their crew.

It would be a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (their choice) of every week. They would supervise from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The crew supervisor will not be painting or doing any of the work, unless they choose to help. He will be pulling the graffiti trailer which carries all the paint, supplies, and sandblasting equipment.

The crew supervisor will learn how to use the paint sprayer or sandblaster, or both (preferably, but not mandatory).

This position requires two days of training for supervising a crew and one day of training to learn how to use the paint sprayer and sandblaster.

If interested in supervising a crew, please contact Sheila Chavez at (520) 705-9273. If you are interested in painting over graffiti yourself, this can also be arranged.

Also, Sheila is looking for a volunteer to process graffiti paper work and input data for one hour two or three times a week.

Volunteers this is your newsletter. If you have material that you feel would be of benefit to other volunteers please provide it to me for the next edition.

Citizens Police Academy

Every year, the Casa Grande Police Department hosts at least two Citizens Police Academies. This Academy is a great way to educate citizens about their local police department. Our next Academy starts on January 7th and goes through February 13th. Classes are held at the Department on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 - 9:00 pm throughout the 5 weeks.

The Academies give citizens the opportunity to learn about the great ways to volunteer with the Casa Grande Police Department. Each night there are three instructors from various divisions teaching the ins and outs of police work. Space is limited to 35 people.



If you are interested in attending the Academy please contact Wendy.

FUTURE TRAINING:

(Dates and Times to be announced later)

SEXUAL HARASSMENT TRAINING

All volunteers will be required to take this 2-hour session. If you did not attend this one see Wendy and sign up for a future session.

SHOOTING AND DRIVING TRAINING

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Our volunteer organization can only be effective if we have citizens who are willing to step-up and volunteer their services for the betterment of the Department and the City of Casa Grande. The following volunteers have recently joined. We welcome them to the Casa Grande Police Department Volunteer Services Center:

Rasha Abousalem, Kathleen Eimermann, Carlos Gutierrez, Laura Hard, Patricia Kelly, Viviana Luna, Dean Mallberg, Debbie Martinez, Robert Michels, Jacob Montoya, Frances Peralta, Maria Regan, Glenda Stewart, Keicie Vaughn, and Crystal Whitfield.



The following volunteers celebrate their birthday in December, January and February. Each one is wished a "Very Happy Birthday" and a heartfelt thanks for their volunteer efforts throughout the year.

December

Jack Dryden, Carlos Gutierrez, Laura Hard, Peg Lloyd, Jack Nielsen, Robert Otto, Frances Peralta, Maria Regan, and Dustin Voytoski.

January

Suzanne Alfeld, Charlie Barber, Steve Cantrell, Marvin Erickson, Tammy Foxall, Shane Haggstrom, Donna Johnston, Audrey Lopez, Dan Moreno, and Nancy Murray.

February

Russell Liederman, Robert McElroy, Gerald Scheiber, Glenda Stewart, and Ray Zak.

*(If we have missed your birthday,
please let Wendy know so we can update the data base)*